

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Byron Merrell et al.))
Serial No.:	10/767,838)) Art Unit
Filed:	January 29, 2004)) 1764
Confirmation No.:	2983))
For:	RETORT HEATING APPARATUS AND METHODS))
Examiner:	Alexis A. Wachtel))

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.